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We have been fortunate in obtaining a sponsor for our newsletter for the next twelve months. Members are encouraged to contact our sponsor for advice as detailed above.

The editor will try to publish newsletters on a four monthly basis, which from this edition will also be available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the summer newsletter at the completion of the 2013-2014 programme season. We have had an excellent programme year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the next twelve months. Our thanks are due to Richard Husband, our Secretary, who has organised this.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at; -  
[www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk](http://www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk)

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; [info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk) ; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

### WELFARE OF OUR MEMBERS

We are aware that both Brian Mynott and Bob Martin have been unwell which has involved visits by each of them to both doctors and Addenbrooke's Hospital. We wish them both a speedy and safe recovery, and hope to see them at future meetings.

**Friday 16th May**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17 members of the Society attended the Annual General Meeting.

Reports were received from the main areas of the Society on the work of the past year. Cups and trophies were also awarded for the various competition winners; please see programme card 2014-2015 for full details of the various winners.





The officers were re-elected, although **Simon Kelly** took over from **Peter Morton** as president after Peter had completed his two year term as president. **Rufus Barnes** was confirmed as the President-Elect.

The committee was re-elected with **Earl Toops** not standing as he is now based permanently in the USA. **David Stirrups** was welcomed as new committee member.

#### Wednesday 4th June

##### CROATIA 1941-1945

We welcomed **Tony Bosworth** for his display of Croatia in the period 1941-1945. The evening was a mixture of the history of this volatile region with many examples of covers, airmail covers, postcards, airmail postcards, postal stationery, the different stamp issues, postage dues and overprints. He also showed the different stamp issues for the period.

#### Friday 20th June

##### NO MEETING

No meeting was held as it clashed with the Mid-Summer fair.

#### Wednesday 2nd July

##### WINSTON CHURCHILL – HIS LIFE AND TIMES

**Simon Moorcroft** gave a fascinating talk and display on the life of Winston Churchill. This included many photographs and articles covering Churchill's varied career, as well as stamps and covers from those fields in which he was closely involved such as Boer War, Royal Naval Air Service and British Occupation of Iraq, as well as politics. It also included information on Churchill's varied interests such as painting, horse racing and farming.

#### Friday 18th July

##### MEMBERS' EVENING; POSTAL HISTORY

**Geoffrey Datson** started the evening with different musical related covers followed by the 1971 postal strike covers. **Mike Bavin** put up postcards for Skegness in the Queen Victoria era which included mixed date stamps. **Simon Kelly** showed examples of parcel post mail and labels from the Cambridge postal history collection. He then changed to covers and letters from the Lake District followed by a mixed bag of money letters and late Victorian stamps.

In the second half **Tony Crowther** displayed Scottish covers depicting different cancels including Scot's locals. **John George** then displayed various covers and stamps from the Huntingdon area followed by various licence receipts. **Richard Husband** rounded off the evening with a mixed bag of covers showing the different GB postal rates, which included up-rated air letters, special delivery, registered, and parcel post.

#### Wednesday 6th August

##### MEMBERS' EVENING LETTERS B AND D

The letters content was changed to "B" and "D" a week or so before the meeting as **Brian Downham** would be able to attend as the Society wished to recognise his 50 years as a member.

**Brian Downham** kicked off with his special 32 sheet display "To be a Farmer's Boy" which won an award at Stampex many years ago. **Rufus Barnes** followed with various sheets depicting different postbuses. **John George** then showed various pre-decimal booklets and booklet panes, and also details of a cassette for the blind. **Geoffrey Datson** continued with the music of Sir Thomas Beecham with covers and stamps. **Keith Weston** presented a





variety of cards and covers from Belgium. **Peter Morton** rounded off the first half with a few QV GB 1d blacks and 2d blues, which showed the different shades and varieties.

**Tony Crowther** put up covers from the Beyrout area with different types of cancellations. **Adrian Boggust** opted for BC [before Christ] and went backwards in time with a multitude of different stamps depicting BC scenes. **John Pearce** put up a detailed display of 20p black doublehead machin stamps. **Ian Paton** came up with a host of USA covers all depicting an appropriate topic including barbed wire, blockade and James Buchanan. **Alistair Kennedy** put up stamps and covers from a variety of sources including Barbados, and Denmark. **Ray Revell** showed mainly stamps from the Indian States of Bhopal, Duttia and Dhar. **Richard Husband** rounded off the evening with a perfin cover for J H Bell & Co and a perfin postcard for Dickins & Jones.

#### Friday 15th August

##### MAN'S MARINE ADVENTURE

We welcomed **Peter Denly** from Bishop's Stortford. He used his knowledge gained through several decades involved with merchant shipping to give an excellent display of the history of maritime vessels from the early shells, canoes and sailing ships through to modern tankers and container ships. Navy vessels were also included, with many sheets also devoted to nautical instruments and aids, lighthouses and rescue services. The sheets displayed were a colourful combination of stamps, postal covers, photographs and documents.

##### FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2014-2015 programme continues with the following meetings;

#### Wednesday 3rd September

MEMBERS' EVENING LETTERS E, F AND G

#### Friday 19th September

ROGER SWINDELLS:- THE IJZER PILGRIMAGE

#### Wednesday 1st October

DAVID STIRRUPS:- GIBRALTAR – OLD AND NEW

#### Friday 17th October

DAVID EVANS:- BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

(The President's Evening will take place on Wednesday 4th February 2015.)

##### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Included with this newsletter is the renewal notice for members' subscriptions which are due on 1st September 2014. The subscription is being held at £10.00 for the year. Would members please note that due to increased postal costs the treasurer will not be issuing a receipt by post, but would be happy to confirm renewal by way of email; please therefore include your email address accordingly.



**PROGRAMME 2014-2015**

The new programme cards have been printed for 2014-2015. For those members who were present at either of the August meetings then the new programme card should have been picked up by members. Taking into account this latter sentence for those members who receive the Newsletter by post then the new programme card will be enclosed, and for those members who receive the Newsletter by email and were not present at either August meeting then the programme card will be in the post.

If any member has not received a new programme card by say 10 September then would he or she please let me know.

**OTHER MATTERS**

There will be a joint meeting with the East Anglia Postal History Society on Tuesday 23 September from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge. In the main it will be sheets from the Cambridge Postal History collection which will be shown.

**MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION**

The new website continues to be expanded, and is slowly being populated with member society programmes for 2014-2015. {[www.mapf.co.uk](http://www.mapf.co.uk)}

There will be an Autumn Display Day at Tempsford, near St Neots, to which all members are invited on Saturday 18th October. It runs from 10.00am to 3.30pm. There will be 180 sheets of largely GB postal history including postage dues, etc and a 90 sheet display of social philately. A bourse will follow – so bring your surplus material along. The speaker will be **Michael Pitt-Payne**. Cost to members will be £2.00 to cover tea or coffee and biscuits but as no lunch will be provided members attending should bring their own.